

## FEW BETS RECORDED

## Little Money Wagered on Gans-Herman Fight.

## NEGRO SHOULD WIN EASILY

If Bout Is on the Level Baltimore Man Ought to Stop His Opponent Before Fifteenth Round—Herman Has Little to Show on Past Performances, but Has Youth.

New York, Dec. 30.—So far there has been practically no betting on the fight between Joe Gans, of Baltimore, and Ed Herman, of Chicago, for the light-weight championship of the world, which will be decided in the ring of the Casino Athletic Club at Tonopah, Nev., Tuesday afternoon. Gans is regarded by local sportsmen as a sure winner, providing the fight is on the level.

The men will enter the ring about 8 o'clock, which is nearly 6 o'clock New York time, and they will continue to fight until one or the other is knocked out or loses on a foul. The referee will be Jack Welch, of California, who is practically unknown in the East. This man was selected after James J. Jeffries had refused to serve and Gans had objected to George Siler, of Chicago. Shortly before the principals put on five-ounce gloves they will weigh in at the ringside. They agreed when the articles were signed to scale at the light-weight limit, 135 pounds, and they also posted forfeits to this effect:

From the latest reports sent out by the Tonopah press, Agent Gans will have no trouble in tipping the beam, while Herman has been down to weight for some time past. Gans has been made a 3 to 1 favorite because of his remarkable record as compared to that of Herman. The Baltimore pugilist has beaten all of the best light-weights, including Battling Nelson. He is recognized as the most scientific man of his weight in the world today.

## On Form Gans Should Win.

With Gans strong and active at the weight, ring experts cannot figure how Herman has a chance to beat him. Herman has taken part in many important fights, but he has never knocked out anybody, not even a second-rater. He has youth in his favor, but has never, in his ring career, met such a formidable opponent as Gans will probably be Tuesday afternoon. Herman may decide to keep away from the champion for some time, with the idea of bringing Gans out, but he may find this plan is extremely difficult if Gans forces matters with his usual vigor. On form, ring experts say that Gans should win on the bit, and that the fight should not last more than ten or fifteen rounds.

If Herman should win there would probably be a great bawl of "fake." The men are to battle for a \$50,000 purse, cut 50 per cent to the winner and 50 per cent to the loser. The arena in which the fight will be held was completed last week at a cost of \$40,000. It has a seating capacity of about 10,000 persons, and the promoters expect the gate receipts to amount to about \$50,000. The fight will be governed by Queensberry rules.

For several days sporting men from points west of Chicago have been making a bee-line for the scene of the battle, while the miners from nearly all over the Nevada camps have made arrangements to be at the ringside.

## CORBETT TRAINING HARD.

Denverite Is Really Working for His Bout with Murphy.

Advice from Young Corbett's training quarters in Denver says that the Denverite is really working hard for his bout with Tommy Murphy. He has now thoroughly regained the use of the combination of blows that earned him fame in the ring and made him a champion. This consists of a straight left jab, left hook, and right uppercut worked in such lightning fashion as to make guarding against it practically useless. The hook is depended on as the sleep-producer. Corbett used the combination several times while sparring with Hank Griffin, a Philadelphia boy, who is well built, but a poor boxer, and found him too easy. Then he called Broad to the floor and the two of them went at it hammer and tongs.

Corbett was never a boxer of great cleverness, but he thinks he can reach Murphy at least once in the bout, and hitting as he has been, he has been used to plenty. To surround himself again with plenty he wants to climb to the top again, and Murphy is the first challenge.

## WRESTLING GOSSIP.

Carl Pons and William Damrat meet in Chicago to-morrow.

"Farmer" Burns is the latest to join the huge squad of wrestlers now making Chicago its headquarters.

Bob Folwell, next year's football captain at Pennsylvania, is the intercollegiate heavy-weight wrestling champion.

Marvin Hart, the heavy-weight pugilist, who recently entered the wrestling game, and Alex Swanson will try it again at Louisville January 14.

With tournaments at the National Guard Armory, Carroll Institute, and Y. M. C. A., amateur wrestling should flourish in Washington during the next two months.

Dan McLeod is still on earth. He won from an Iowa man by the name of Springer in fifty-three minutes Thursday night, and is now matched to wrestle Charles Barney, of Des Moines.

While it seems that it is not likely that Joe Grant will attempt to meet Roy Mackey's conditions and make 150 pounds for a finish bout, wrestling followers of this city would like to see the two local men go at it again. There is considerable feeling between the grapplers, and a match would furnish some good sport.

Dennis Gallagher, the mixed-style champion, expects to make 170 pounds for his match with George Bothner on January 11, in New York. He thinks he will be strong enough at that weight to fulfill his contract in the articles of agreement to throw Bothner twice in an hour and a half at the catch-as-catch-can style of game.

Collegiate Fencers Set Date. New York, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association yesterday at the New York Athletic Club, it was decided to hold the annual championship for team and individual honors at that club on March 29 and 30.

Claim World's Basketball Title. Gloversville, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Manager Eaton, of the Company G basketball team, of this city, which claims the world's championship, yesterday issued a statement offering to defend the title against any team in the United States.

## HOPPE TO PLAY ABROAD.

Young Billiardist Will Not Meet George Sutton at 18.1.

There is another mixup in professional billiard circles, and, just as last spring, when William Hoppe balked before playing in the 18.1 tournament, the young champion at 18.1 is again the storm center. Hoppe, according to report, is to sail next Saturday for Amsterdam, and will not return before June. He was to have defended his 18.1 title against George Sutton this winter, but instead of doing so announces his intention to go abroad and to forfeit the title to Sutton.

In connection with the matter there is talk that another 18.1 tournament is being broached, the same to be for the championship, and that Hoppe, declaring the title rightfully belonged to him, would not play in such a tournament.

On the other hand, it is asserted that Hoppe parted with the title by failing to cover Sutton's forfeit within the required time. The Hoppe folks contend that as Hoppe did not put up his forfeit the title goes to Sutton, who had challenged and had his money up. Hoppe says he received a good offer to play abroad, and that there was more money in it than in defending championships.

"My boy will go where his skill will be of some value to him," the elder Hoppe is quoted as saying. "I intend to retain possession of the trophy or else hand it over to Sutton."

## ED GEERS' GREAT RECORD

He Gives Twenty-one Trotters Records of 2:10 or Better.

Twice as Many as Stands to Credit of Any Other Individual Driver.

The Abbot Is Speediest.

Ed Geers, "the Silent Man from Tennessee," during his career on the turf has driven twenty-one trotters to records of 2:10 or better, with The Abbot, 2:04, the speediest of the lot.

This is more than twice as many as stands to the credit of any other driver. John Dickerson and Scott Hudson have each marked ten 2:10 horses, and Alta McDonald has eight to his credit, including Sweet Marie, 2:02, and Major Delmar, 1:59. Myron E. McHenry and Henry Tites follow with six each, and then come "Bilby" Andrews, Charles De Ryder, "Andy" McDowell, and George Saunders with five each. Budd Doble, who marked Nancy Hanks in 2:04 in 1892, and gave Dexter his record of 2:17 many years before, drove only four trotters to their best 2:10 records. W. W. Bair, who drove Maid S, to her championship record of 2:08, in 1885, never had another fast one, but Ed Bither, who drove Jay-Eye-See in 2:10 in 1884, being the first man to ride that fast behind a trotter, later marked Kremlin in 2:07. Millard Sanders, who gave Lou Dillon her mark of 1:58, also marked Anzella, Tom Atworthy, and Janica. Emerson E. McCargo has marked two—Westworth and Carina Dawson.

Among the prominent drivers who appear in the list, with the horses they drove, are:

E. F. Geers—The Abbot, George G. Onward Silver, Dr. Strong, The Monk, Fantasy, Lady Gail Hamilton, Prince of Orange, Billy Birch, Dan T., Goldust Maid, Zephyr, Stanley Dillon, Turley, Nightingale, Dare Devil, Alexander, Battleground, Clark W., Joe Mc, and Atlanta. John Dickerson—Arion, Lord Roberts, Fred Kohl, Leonardo, Masetto, Pixley, Lesa Wilkes, Alameda, Albert C., and Ellard.

Scott Hudson—Hawthorne, Rhythmic, Chase, Jay Grogger, Maggie, Flanagan, Belle Curran, Crescent Trotter, Baron Bell, Dillon Boy, and Louise Mac.

Alta McDonald—Major Delmar, Sweet Marie, McKinley, Marion Wilkes, Audreus, Wilkie, Lizzie G., and Directum Lass.

M. E. McHenry—Mainsheet, Nuthoxy, Gayton, Baron de Shay, Probe Wilkes, and Roberts.

Henry Tites—Bingen, Susie J., Peter the Swift, Grace Bond, and Promise.

Charles De Ryder—Counsels S., Aristo, Charles Belden, Direct View, and Judge Green.

Andy McDowell—Alix Azote, Georgena, Plutus, and Altair.

George Saunders—Angle, Ellorae, Aero-lite, Wauban, and Brownie Wilton.

Ed Benyon—Pereno, Ozanum, Walnut Hall, and Norrie.

Hard Doble—Nancy Hanks, Kinney Lou Martha Wilkes, and Belle Vira.

W. O. Foote—John Nolan, Hall Frey, Rima, and Nutbrear.

John Kelly—Directum, Charley Herr, Directum Kelly, and Little Albert.

Knop McCarthy—Oro, Norman B., Dan Cupid, and Lilly Young.

A. McDonald—Chain Shot, Glenwood M., Miss Whitney, and Miss Adbell.

Roy Miller—Drain Boy, Dulce Cor, the Alilewood, and Valpa.

Millard Sanders—Lou Dillon, Anzella, Tom Atworthy, and Janica.

Jack Curry—Brilliant Girl, Tunk, and Surpal.

Mark Demarest—Eleata, Borezelle, and Invader.

RACING IS A HELP.

New York Owner Points Out Advantages of Sport to the State.

"In making a crusade against racing in New York State," said a prominent Gotham owner of race horses yesterday, "the reformers possibly forget a few things. In the first place, racing has the support of thousands of citizens of all classes. The sport is a business conducted on honorable lines and affords as much of a chance to speculate as Wall Street. In the second place, the agricultural societies of the State are using up each year about \$200,000, accruing from the State racing tax, which has made the various county fairs most successful. In the third place, the breeding bureau of the Jockey Club, in placing about thirty royally-bred stallions at the disposal of up-State breeders, has strengthened its position materially.

"Furthermore, the race track owners can show proof that in no way do they recognize or receive a penny in tribute from the betting element."

One-armed Football Player.

On the North Division High School football team, of Chicago, which is in Seattle, Wash., to play the schoolboys there to-morrow, is a one-armed boy, who has played in a line position in several games and shown up well. He is Louis Horre, and probably the happiest Chicago boy in the country.

"SMILE AT SAM'S" DIAMOND RYE \$1 Full Qt. The Diamond BUFFET SAM J. STEINBERGER, S. W. Corner 8th and D Sts. N. W.

## NO SCHLAFLY TRADE

## Milwaukee Has Not Obtained Nationals' Infielder.

## DEALS AT COMING MEETING

Manager Cantillon Expects to Make Some Swaps at the League Conferences That Will Strengthen Local Club. Trouble Over Date for Major League Openings—Training Trips.

The report that is being widely circulated throughout the West to the effect that Harry Schlafly, the Nationals' second baseman, and has been turned over to Milwaukee was denied yesterday by an official of the Washington club.

Whether Schlafly will wear a local uniform next season has not been decided, and nothing definite in the matter will be known until after the meeting of the American League in February. Manager Joe Cantillon has under consideration a number of deals by which he hopes to strengthen the Nationals, but to close the swaps is likely to be made until the coming confab of managers. The new manager, who is now in the West, is keeping the local board of strategy well informed of his moves, and it was intimated by an official yesterday that there are likely to be some interesting developments when the league moguls get together.

Early last spring Schlafly made a most favorable impression, but, while his batting slumped, and he was unable to close the ball at a satisfactory clip. Efforts are being made to land a better batting infielder, but Cantillon will insist upon getting a thoroughly tried player to guard the second corner before letting the young Californian go.

As yet none of the local players have received their contracts for next year, but within the next month President Noyes will send out the papers, and he does not anticipate any trouble in getting all of the men to sign.

The idea of sending the Philadelphia Athletics to Texas by water on its training trip has been abandoned, and the aggregation will travel by train, thereby saving much time and avoiding the risk of mal de mer. The team will leave Philadelphia about March 1, and will return early in April for an early series with the Phillies, the details of which will be arranged later.

The Athletics will do all their training at Dallas and Marlin Springs, leaving in time to play a special series with the New York Giants at New Orleans, the first game being slated for March 27. Five games will be played against McGraw's men. Aside from this series no games have been definitely arranged, but negotiations are proceeding rapidly, and the Athletics expect to have an ambitious list of ante-season games before the regular season opens.

There appears to be a disposition in baseball circles to place the National League in the position of desiring to dictate to the American League in regard to schedules, because the former has announced its intention to adhere to the 154-game schedule for 1907 and to open on April 11. In many cities, especially where the younger organization alone is represented, the resolution to continue playing the long schedule adopted by the National League at the Victoria Hotel meeting in New York a few weeks ago has raised criticism hostile to the old league. Trying to break the peace agreement is the least offense charged.

Little ground exists on which to base the assertion frequently made that adherence to the long schedule by the National League will force the Americans to follow suit. It is a well-known fact that the younger body prefers to shorten the playing season in order that post-season games may be played in good weather. The National League men, from long experience, consider it a case of "touch and go," in other words, that the weather cannot be depended on, and that there is an equal chance of experiencing good baseball conditions in mid-October, or at the end of September.

This belief about the weather being variable is also largely responsible for the decision to open the season about the middle of April rather than two weeks later, as desired by the American League magnates. It is asserted that a search of the records for years past will show that in a majority of cases conditions for baseball were more favorable in the middle of April than around May 1.

President Johnson bases his desire for a later opening date on the grounds that the American League has three Lake cities in the West—Chicago, Cleveland, and Detroit—in which the weather is unfavorable for early baseball. Last year the younger organization postponed its season half a week later than its rival, having found a way to compress the 154 games into a shorter space of time. The records do not show that the attendances were really reduced because of the Nationals' early games, nor is it likely that it would have any particular difference had the American League's opening contests been played two weeks later. Admirers of the national pastime are not so likely as to be so easily turned by the playing of a few games previously in one city or another.

As a matter of fact, the peace agreement carries no hard and fast conditions compelling the two leagues to open on the same day. In regard to schedules, it is desired simply to avoid conflicting dates, and the number of these would be reduced rather than increased were the American League to postpone its opening games until two weeks after the National got under way. Johnson is quoted as saying that if the National League has already made up its mind as to the opening date, and has posted its schedule, there is little use of a meeting of the schedule committees. But why should the fact that the National League has decided upon April 11 as a good day for its opening precipitate a crisis? The old league has been opening about that date for years past.

## O'NEILL WILL LEAVE YORK.

Efforts to Make Him Manager of the Team Fail.

York, Pa., Dec. 30.—Close friends of Mike O'Neill, York's most valued player last season, say he will not under any circumstances play here next season, and the effort to boost him as manager is useless. O'Neill, it is said, will either go with the Philadelphia National League team or with Heckert to Harrisburg. A grievance is said to be the cause.

At the close of the season money was raised to pay off back salaries. It was placed in bank and checks issued. Most of the men drew their earnings. Not so with O'Neill. He had no use for the money at the time and held the check for a number of weeks. When it reached there was no money to meet it, the balance not paid being drawn by the association and used for other purposes. The check was, therefore, protested, though the club officers were notified of its receipt by the bank. It was for \$200.

## YALE IS NOT ANXIOUS.

Walter Camp Says Ells Are Not After Game with Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Walter Camp, head coach of the Yale team, when seen last night denied that he had discussed scheduling a football game for next fall with Chicago. He would not say that such a game is altogether improbable, however, and declared that Manager Knox would be the man to arrange such a game if it were to be scheduled.

"I am not in Chicago on football matters," said Mr. Camp. "My trip here is for purely business purposes. I did not meet Mr. Stagg at Springfield and whatever conversation I had with the Chicago coach while he was in the East, was about other matters than a contest with Chicago for next fall.

"I do not know that Yale is especially anxious to arrange a Western game for next year. While a game between the Maroons and Yale is possible, I do not know anything of any arrangements that have been made or even discussed concerning such a game."

The fact that Mr. Camp knows nothing of the proposed game does not mean to Chicago students that the contest is altogether improbable. Coach Stagg went East with the intention of scheduling a game with the leading Eastern teams, Yale preferred, and it is believed that he has discussed the matter with Manager Knox, of Yale.

## BASEBALL NOTES.

Indianapolis expects to land Gilbert, of New York, for next base.

The Cincinnati club will build a \$2,000 clubhouse for visiting players.

Columbus is being picked as the best outfit in the American Association.

Fred Lake, the veteran catcher, is slated for the captaincy of the Little Rock (Ark.) club.

Gus Dundon, the utility man of the White Sox, has placed his John Hancock to 1907 contract.

"Happy" Harry Howell, the St. Louis American pitcher, is holding down a job in the St. Louis water department.

Jack Chesbro, spit-ball artist, is wintering in New England. He expects to regain lost prestige next summer.

President Connelley and Secretary E. H. Chase, the crack Yankee first baseman, have been picked for delivery outside of Washington, for which registration numbers were not required here. From various sources it is learned that the number of such sales is approximately twenty-five. It is thus safe to say that more than 500 cars have been sold by Washington dealers during the year. This is a record never before approached by the local trade.

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## NOTABLE AUTO YEAR

## More Than 500 Cars Registered Here in 1906.

## MARKED INCREASE IN SALES

Estimated That Large Percentage of Machines in Use in Washington Were Bought This Year—Interest Is Shown in Coming Races on Florida Beach—Glidden in Mexico.

The year 1906 has been a notable one in the history of the American automobile. The ratio of increase in the manufacture and use of motor propelled vehicles has been even greater than during 1905, which showed a remarkable record, and the increase promises to continue in 1907. The automobile has taken a position in the daily life of the public from which it cannot be uprooted, and its manufacture now ranks high in the industrial world.

When the history of the automobile is written 1906 will be marked as the year in which the American-built car became the equal of any produced in foreign countries.

The following resume of the automobile business in Washington during the year appears in Motor Age:

"A year of unparalleled prosperity has been the portion of the motor car dealers of Washington during the past twelve months. The report all along the line is that business has shown a very perceptible increase, both in volume and in quality, some dealers saying the increase in their sales department is from one-third to one-half larger than it was last year."

"Through the courtesy of H. M. Woodward, the District permit clerk, Motor Age has been furnished with the number of cars registered from January 1 to date. The number is 513 cars of all kinds, and it is safe to say that more than 90 per cent of this number are new ones sold this year.

In addition to this a number of dealers have sold cars for delivery outside of Washington, for which registration numbers were not required here. From various sources it is learned that the number of such sales is approximately twenty-five. It is thus safe to say that more than 500 cars have been sold by Washington dealers during the year. This is a record never before approached by the local trade.

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